

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 252 without my signature.

This bill would create a Digital Arts Studio Partnership Program to be administered by the Lieutenant Governor's Office.

While I support the idea of public schools and community colleges training youth in digital technology skills or partnering with other entities to do so, I am concerned that this bill would create an unnecessary and burdensome administrative structure, including a 20 member advisory panel. Moreover, the Lieutenant Governor's Office would not be an appropriate agency to administer the program. In order to encourage a more effective and appropriate means to support and expand public and private partnerships in digital media arts for training youth in our state, I am directing my Administration to coordinate this effort in the coming year.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger